

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Richmond, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

March 23, 2009 to April 17, 2009

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a federally funded mortgage insurance development project to determine if it is consistent with the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The act seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) proposes to provide mortgage insurance under the HUD Section 221(d)(4) program to Hunt Investments LLC/Model Tobacco LLC, for the renovation of the proposed Model Tobacco building into a multi-family apartment complex in the City of Richmond. The HUD program provides mortgage insurance for multifamily rental housing for moderate-income families. Model Tobacco is a proposed 240-unit market-rate general occupancy apartment complex situated on an 11.89-acre site located at 1000 Jefferson Davis Highway. The existing 6-story brick building would be renovated from commercial use into residential apartments. The existing two-story brick power plant building would be converted into a fitness center and indoor pool. Parking spaces for approximately 260 vehicles would be provided. On behalf of HUD, E-COM, LLC has submitted a federal consistency determination that finds the proposal consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program (also called the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program).

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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